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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.25

Twenty-fourth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/62/19) in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/62/L.25, concerning the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 1 (a) of draft resolution A/62/L.25, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to present, at the second meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, to be held in Manila in 2008, an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on migration and development, in order to promote a coherent discussion of the migration phenomenon.

3. The activities by which the draft resolution would be implemented are outlined in paragraphs 5 to 7 of the statement by the Secretary-General and the related additional resource requirements are outlined in paragraph 9 thereof. Proposed modifications to the narrative of subprogramme 6, Population, of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 9)) are outlined in paragraph 4 of the statement by the Secretary-General and proposed action by the General Assembly is outlined in paragraph 10.

4. Estimated requirements for consultancy services needed to carry out an evaluation of the existing cooperation mechanisms on international migration and development amount to $70,000, while resource requirements for translation,

printing and shipping of the evaluation report are estimated at $40,000. Thus, the estimated additional resources required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 amount to $110,000.

5. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that projected expenditures for 2006-2007 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, had amounted to $152,591,900 against the revised appropriation of $157,474,100 for that section in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, leaving an unspent balance of $4,882,200. The Committee was further informed that the provision for consultancy services under section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 amounted to $2,258,100, with $251,700 included under the provisions for subprogramme 6, Population.

6. The Committee notes that, as indicated in paragraph 8 of the statement by the Secretary-General, no provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the activities requested under operative paragraph 1 (a) of draft resolution A/62/L.25 and that, at the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet the additional requirements.

7. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/62/L.25, additional resources of $110,000 ($70,000 for consultancy services and $40,000 for translation, printing and shipping) would be required under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.**

8. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to accommodate the additional requirement of $110,000 from within the overall appropriation under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and to report thereon in the context of his report on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009.**